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I am against the proposal of rule making RM-11306 by the American Relay League of which I am a member.

The League informed me that the proposal would not eliminate our present operating privileges. However, the League would try to eliminate some of the present frequency privileges. They are using rather contradictory statements to the members.

The (first) reason that I am against the proposal is because the proposal as submitted by the ARRL, if passed, would cause a greater demand upon the FCC inspectors to have very sophisticated digital equipment and more equipment that is difficult to calibrate and maintain in order to determine the bandwidth of a signal and to measure the (received) transmitted signal source simply as can be done presently.

The (changing propagated conditions) of received signals between the many received instruments used to determination the bandwidth of the transmitted signal would not be accurate because of the strengths of the measurements of the received signals on the required regulation equipment. The signal source would have to be monitored on a ground wave measurement to be accurate.

My (second) reason against the proposal would be the possibility of the American Radio Relay League trying again as they have done in the past five years to ask the Federal Communications Commission to take away present privileges from amateur operators that we now have with the modes of operation in the one hundred sixty meter amateur band. The one hundred sixty meter band of frequencies has been integrated to all modes of transmission for over 50 years and continues to be a very useful spectrum for all of us.

A few years ago the American Radio Relay league had proposed to create a segregation of the present modes of operation on the one hundred sixty meter band and take away the present operating abilities from our fraternity. The Federal Communications Commission would not accept the proposal from them because the radio operators had previously earned privileges through testing.

The one hundred sixty meter band would be the only spectrum causing concern to radio operators simply because the other amateur bands are already segregated by modes of transmission bandwidth.